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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,9-11 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-8 and 12-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,9-11 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 7,8,12-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 10/16/2009.
2. Claim 6 is further withdrawn, since it is not directed to elected group 4, (fig. 7,8a,8b). The U-shaped loop is not shown in the elected embodiment.

Election/Restrictions

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5,9-11,20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hendrickson (USPN 6,308,379).
5. With respect to claim 1, Hendrickson shows a liquid container (1) having a center of gravity; and a handle (9) arranged to provide finger engagement with said liquid container for support and desired positioning thereof, said handle (9) defining a finger engagement location which is at or near the center of gravity of said liquid container (fig. 1).

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6. With respect to claim 2, Hendrickson shows wherein said finger engagement location (9) is at or near the center of gravity of said liquid container generally irrespective of the extent to which said-liquid container is filled with liquid (fig. 1).

7. With respect to claim 3, Hendrickson shows wherein said liquid container is configured to have a generally horseshoe shaped configuration (fig. 2).

8. With respect to claim 4, Hendrickson shows wherein said liquid container defines a lip (11) on one or more locations on an outer edge surface thereof.

9. With respect to claim 5, Hendrickson shows wherein said lip (11) is located at a lip location at which said outer edge surface is curved (fig. 2).

10. With respect to claim 9, Hendrickson shows wherein said handle (9) is configured in a shape of a beam (the vertical face of element 9) having extending upwards therefrom a panel (bottom flange of element 9 meets structure and recitation of a panel).

11. With respect to claims 10,11 Hendrickson shows wherein said handle is disposed interiorly of said liquid container, such that it is at least partially surrounded by said liquid container (fig. 1 and 2).

12. With respect to claim 20, Hendrickson shows wherein said liquid container is configured to have a generally channel shaped central portion (21) with at least one leg (7) portion-extending therefrom.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAWN M. BRADEN whose telephone number is (571)272-8026. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday 9-6:30 est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on (571)272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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